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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7518

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CINCEUTSFOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, MR

SUBJECT:SAHARA WATCH: ALLEGED POLISARIO ACTIVITY LOCALLY TO
CELEBRATE MAY 20 ANNIVERSARY

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 985

1. IN WAKE OF SUCCESSFUL POLISARIO ATTACK ON ZOUERATE (2242N
1230W) MAY 1, RUMORS HAVE BEEN RAMPANT IN NOUAKCHOTT THAT POLI-
SARIO PLANS TO INITIATE LOCAL ATTACK ON POLISARIO ANNIVERSARY
MAY 20. SUPPOSED TARGETS OF ATTACK AND MANNER IN WHICH POLISARIO
INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MILITARY OBJECTIVE ARE LIMITED ONLY
BY IMAGINATION OF RUMOR PURVEYOR. ACCOUNTS ARE SO HJMEROUS AND
SO VARIED THAT THEY ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONFIRM. IN GENERAL,
RUMORS FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES: (A) MOST PREVALENT AMONG BE-
LEAGURERED FRENCH COMMUNITY IS THAT POLISARIO PLANS TO FIRE-BOMB
BUILDINGS IN WHICH LARGE CONTINGENT OF FOREIGNERS HAS ASSEMBLED
SUCH AS MOVIE THEATER, FRENCH CULTURAL CENTER, OR ONE OF SEVERAL
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WESTERN EMBASSIES REPRESENTED LOCALLY; AND (B) THAT
PRO-POLISARIO LEFITST STUDENTS ARE PLANNING TO THROW
GRENADE OR FIREBOMB INTO WESTERN COMPLEX IN EFFORT TO
EMBARRASS FURTHER OULD DADDAH REGIME IN INTERNATIONAL
MEDIA AND FORA.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY LOCAL EMBASSY OR GIRM ITSELF

HAS CAPABILITY TO SORT OUT THESE RUMORS AND UNCOVER
"HARD" EARLY WARNING INFO RE IF, WHEN, WHERE, OR HOW
POLISARIO MAY BE PLANNING TO UNDERTAKE ATTACK IN MAU-
RITANIAN TERRITORY. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE RUMORS
ARE SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO WARRANT TAKING MEASURES
ON MAY 20. WE ARE ACCORDINGLY BEEFING UP SECURITY
GUARD COVERAGE OF OFFICIAL AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS,
CAUTIONING OFFICIAL AMERICANS TO BE PRESENT IN THEIR
MOVEMENTS AROUND CITY AND PASSING LOW-KEY WARNING TO
PRIVATE AMERICANS.

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